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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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SRF-5J

RE: OU 1 Waste Pit 5
Remediation Acceleration

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) letters of November 30, 1999 and December 6, 1999, regarding the proposed acceleration of remediation activities in waste pit 5 as part of the Operable Unit (OU) 1 remedial action project.

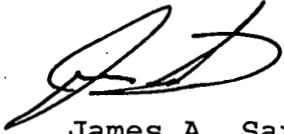
The proposed acceleration of remediation of waste pit 5 materials allows for use of the dryer operation, to address any potential issues that could arise in the future, and to provide additional flexibility in operations that may help future scheduling activities in the waste pit area.

On December 2, 1999, a walk-through inspection with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. DOE raised concerns which required further information be submitted to the regulatory Agencies. That information was provided in the December 6, 1999, letter. The letter has adequately addressed U.S. EPA's concerns.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the accelerated remediation of waste pit 5 materials.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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